



# Howard County

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HCRP Summer Camp COVID safety policies

Thank you for your interests in Howard County Recreation & Parks Summer Camps. In an effort to provide safe and enjoyable camp experiences, all camp staff and camp sites will adhere to the following policies and precautions. Please note that as the COVID pandemic continues to evolve, HCRP and staff will be updating this list and will be working closely with all State and local government officials and agencies.

### **Howard County Recreation & Parks: 2020 Summer Camp Guidelines**

#### **Check-in/Check-out Procedures**

- Sign in/out table, chairs, tent (if necessary) will be set up for check-in/out.
- Staff, parents, and campers must wear face coverings when walking to and from the check-in/out table and when within 6-feet of another person.
- When parents, and campers arrive, they should maintain social distancing when waiting to check-in.
- Staff takes each child into the pavilion/facility/program area.
  - Parents should not enter the pavilion/facility/camper meeting area – they will be given an information sheet at check in with Director's name, center contact information etc. or will have received via camp letter beforehand.
- Parents need to sign their child in and out of the camp. Pens will be sanitized after every use; although we encourage you to bring your own pen.
- Parents give the staff member stationed at the check-in table the necessary paperwork.
- When parents arrive to pick up their child, they should maintain social distancing when waiting to check their child out.

#### **Sanitization/Cleaning**

- In locations where camp amenities are gated, all entry and exit gates to remain open to minimize surface touching.
- All campers and staff must use hand sanitizer before and after participation.
- Cleaning staff will clean restrooms daily. Program staff will surface clean (e.g. tables, sports equipment, pens etc.)
- All camp equipment will be sanitized before camp starts and after camp ends every day.
- Strict social distancing and sanitization measures should be followed.
- Pens for sign in/sign out will be sanitized after every use; although we encourage you to bring your own pen.

#### **Capacity (Group Size)**

- Capacity limitation of no more than 15 individuals in a group.
- Baseball/softball fields can be divided into multiple areas. A maximum of 15 people are allowed in each group. There must be adequate distance between each group.
- Multi-purpose fields can be divided into multiple areas. A maximum of 15 people are allowed in each group. There must be adequate distance between each group.
- There will be a maximum of 15 people allowed per every 2 tennis courts.
- For indoor facilities there will be a maximum of 15 people allowed per room.
- Maintain social distancing when arriving, departing, or speaking with others.



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### Contact with Others

- Staff and campers must wear masks when walking to/from and inside restrooms and other facility rooms (where applicable) and when within 6-feet of another person.
- No physical contact should occur.
- No group celebrations, fist bumps, high-fives, etc.
- No water play will be permitted.
- Staff and campers are to maintain a 6-foot distance between each other, both on and off the field/court/area of play.
- If there is more than one camp at a location, efforts will be made to stagger the start and end times if campers will be meeting in similar locations. Alternatively, check-in/out may be at different areas of the park/facility. Please see camp letter for specific check-in/out details. This avoids congregation.
- Parents are not permitted into the program area/pavilion/facility.
- A “station” will be assigned for each camper to place their equipment (bag, water bottle etc.), and they should return to the designated station during breaks. Assigned space for all campers should allow for adequate distance (6-feet) per CDC guidelines.
- Bleachers are currently closed.

### Health Checks

- There will be daily COVID-19 symptom checks for campers to include temperature checks and COVID-19 exposure questions, as described by the CDC. If the temperature reads 100.4F or higher, the child is not permitted to stay in the camp/ program. A temperature log will be recorded for each camper daily and the information will be kept confidential.
- Volunteers/Staff use a thermometer to take the temperature of each staff member prior to them entering the pavilion/program. A separate thermometer cover is used for each staff person (if applicable). After each use, the thermometer cover is discarded, and thermometer is sanitized. *Note:* a staff member administers checks after checking their own temperature first.

### Sharing equipment or water

- Campers need to bring their own filled water-bottle. Water coolers will be available. These will be staff operated, while wearing PPE equipment. Children are not permitted to operate the water coolers. Water fountains are not available.
- All staff and campers cannot share water, towels, etc.

### Unexpected or Pop Up Storms for Outdoor Camps

Communication will be made to parents prior to camps starting. If there is an extreme emergency and campers/program participants must seek shelter in close quarters, the participants may not be able to stay 6 feet apart. Please note that there is a risk when your child is participating in an outdoor camp/program. For a camp/program that is short in length, we recommend that parents stay in the vicinity. If parents would like to stay at camp, it is recommended that they stay in their car, away from the camp. If they would like to be closer to the camp; you must wear a mask and be at least 6 feet from other individuals.

**Inclement Weather Forecasted for Outdoor Camps**

Please check the program/camp status line and call each morning before leaving for camp. For any cancelled day(s) of camp that cannot be rescheduled, you will receive a full refund for the number of day(s) missed.